

Worship... Service ... Witness ... in the name of Jesus

Beckminster Welcomes You

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What's On This Week....

Monday 7 December 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open 5.00 - 7.00pm Dinky Divas
Tuesday 8 December 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed
Wednesday 9 December 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Closed 9.00am Zoom Prayer Meeting (See Notices)
Thursday 10 December 9.30am - 3.30pm Office Closed
Friday 11 December 9.30am - 12.30pm Office Open
Saturday 12 December



**We Welcome You to Worship
Today**

If you are here for the first time,
please make yourself known to
those around you, or to one of the
Stewards or Minister.
You may like to sign the visitors
book in the foyer.

Worship and Fellowship

6 December 2020

2nd Sunday in Advent

Collect for the Day

To ponder and pray
God of all holiness, your promises stand
unshaken through all generations and
you lift up all who are burdened and
brought low: renew our hope in you, as
we wait for the coming in glory of Jesus
Christ, our Judge and our Saviour, who
is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, world
without end. **Amen.**

**Come and join us next
Sunday, 13 December 2020
3rd Sunday in Advent
10.30am Nativity Service
led by Rev. Ivor Sperring**

**10.30am Morning Worship
led by Rev. Dr. Paul Nzacahayo**

Advent 2 — The Prophets

Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.'

Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!

The first and second candles are lit and this response is used:

Jesus is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can ever put out.

Reflection

The seeds of comfort may take root in the soil of adversity. When life is difficult, we may not escape adversity, but we can wait patiently asking God to comfort us.



Prayer for this Week

Lord, when I feel weary of asking and waiting and I wonder if you hear my prayers at all, deepen my trust, grant calm assurance and still my mind so that I am mindful of the grace you are draping around me every single day. **Amen**

We Sing StF 165:

**Advent candles tell their story
as we watch and pray,
longing for the Day of Glory,
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness
changed for gladness
on that Day**

**Prophet voices loudly crying,
making pathways clear;
glimpsing glory, self-denying,
calling all to hear.
Through their message - challenged, shaken –
hearts awaken:
God is near!**

Mark Earey (1965)

Lanesfield. Not open for worship. Folk are invited to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Rakegate. Not open for worship. Folk are invited to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

St. Andrew's. 10.30am there is a simple weekly YouTube service that is recorded and lasts about 30 minutes. The YouTube channel is "ST ANDREWS CHURCH SEDGLEY" and is accessible during the week.

St. John's. Sunday service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Springdale. Sunday service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available from Janet Fenney or Revd Teddy Siwila.

Stowlawn. The church is currently not open. Folk are invited to join in with other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Stratton Street. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Christopher Collins. For Zoom details please contact Revd Chris Collins.

Upper Ettingshall. Sunday service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Wombourne. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am. Zoom link available on request from Janet Fenney or Revd Teddy Siwila.

Worship on Sunday, 6 December 2020

Beckminster. Sunday Service at 10.30am but also on zoom. Zoom link available on request from Sue Lorimer or Revd Paul Nzacahayo.

Bilston. A service is available via audio conferencing at 11.00am. Details available from Revd William Davis.

Bradley. Not open for worship. Folk are invited to join other acts of worship around the Circuit.

Brewood. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Rev Benjamin Aldous, Principal Officer for Evangelism and Mission for Churches Together in England. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Codsall. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Rev Benjamin Aldous, Principal Officer for Evangelism and Mission for Churches Together in England. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Coven. Sunday Service on Zoom at 10.30am with Rev Benjamin Aldous, Principal Officer for Evangelism and Mission for Churches Together in England. Zoom link available on request from Helen Share.

Cranmer. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available from Revd Sam Hagerman.

East Park. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am with Revd Christopher Collins. For Zoom details please contact Revd Chris Collins.

Fallings Park. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available from Revd Sam Hagerman.

Fordhouses. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available from Revd Sam Hagerman.

Hurst Hill. Sunday Service on Zoom at 11.00am. Zoom link available on request from Revd Steve Jackson.

Bible Readings:

Isaiah 40: 1 - 11 read by Stephanie Wilkes

Mark 1: 1 - 8 read by Sue Reed

StF 185: Sing we the King who is coming to reign;

Sermon

Prayers

StF 180: O come, O come, Immanuel,

Blessing

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS. This year there will be a dedicated section on the website should you wish to put on a message. If you would like to do this please send a message to info@beckminster.co.uk no later than 10 December or speak with Sue.

HILARY BROSTER. Our thoughts and prayers are with Christine, David and the family following the death of Hilary on Sunday, 22 November 2020. Hilary passed away peacefully in The Cedar Grange Nursing Home.

ZOOM PRAYER MEETINGS are still taking place on a Wednesday morning at 9.00am and all are welcome to join. For further details please contact Sue.

CHURCH OFFICE. Please check the calendar on the front of the service sheet each week to see when the Church Office is open. The days when I am not in I will be working from home so please contact me on my home number on those days. Sue.

JANE FUELL. Very many thanks to all friends at Beckminster for all the good wishes, cards, prayers and support at this difficult time. All are appreciated more than you will ever know. Thank you.

Christmas 2020

Christmas this year will be a vastly different experience for all of us. At Beckminster we plan to adapt what we do to our present circumstances whilst encouraging a genuine spirit of celebration of Nativity. Of course we realise that arrangements may have to be changed, but here are some details of what is planned:

From Sunday, 6 December, we shall worship together in church and then those who cannot be with us physically can join us on zoom. Details will be sent out in the usual way.

Sunday, 13th December at 10.30am: Nativity Service led by Ivor. Young people will be asked to contribute poems and stories for this service. We hope to show a video of the nativity.

Sunday, 20th December at 10.30am: Carol Service, Various singers will contribute and You Tube Carols will be heard.

Thursday, 24th at 4.30pm: Christmas Eve Communion led by Ivor. (Retiring Collection for Action for Children)

Friday, 25th December at 10am: Christmas Day Service led by Paul. (Retiring Collection for Christian Aid)

There will be no service on Sunday, 27th December

DISTRICT METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN. Our last gathering which took place on 19 November is now on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/WqyJsbqnbS4> Our next gathering is on Tuesday evening, 15 December at 7.30pm. The Officers are planning an evening of Christmas readings/funny/interesting/thought provoking etc with a short Quiz. Our devotions will come towards the end of the evening. Please invite all you can to join us and if possible, please 'dress up' for this event, perhaps a Christmas jumper or something smarter than what we've been used to wearing during the pandemic. We've had so few opportunities to wear our "best things". For zoom details please contact Sue. On Tuesday morning, 19 January 2021 at 10.30am our speaker will be Barbara Easton from our Wolverhampton Circuit, who is the Vice President Elect of the Methodist Conference. On Tuesday evening, 16 February 2021 at 7.30pm Phoebe Parkin, the Methodist Youth President from our Telford Circuit, has agreed to speak to us. More details of these gatherings will be sent in due course, and we're delighted to welcome each of them, especially as they are from our District.

"SOUL SPACE" is a new Sunday evening gathering for quiet and reflective worship lasting about forty minutes. We will share simple prayers, readings, poetry, quietness and reflective music. We meet on Zoom at 6.30pm. For Zoom details please contact Revd Chris Collins.

Opportunities for worship and prayer around the Circuit

If you need help accessing information for on-line worship, please contact Revd Christopher Collins:

Midweek opportunities

Circuit Morning Prayer

Available on the Circuit Facebook page at 8.00am each morning Monday - Saturday.

Brewood. Evening prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by phone. Details from Helen Share.

Codsall. Evening prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by phone. Details from Helen Share.

Coven. Evening prayer on a Tuesday and Friday at 7.45pm, online or by phone. Details from Helen Share.

Cranmer. Cranmer is open for private prayer on Tuesdays from 10am - 12noon.